

REMARKS

I. The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 1-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2002/0007402 to Huston et al ("HUSTON") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,148,340 issued to Bittinger ("BITTINGER"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

In this office action, the Examiner stated that "the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., determining an update status without having to compare identifier/fields of sets of files) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended to explicitly recite these limitations. Thus, applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims should now be in condition for allowance.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would help advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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